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***Statement from Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) Regarding the 9th
Circuit Court of Appeals' Decision on the Constitutionality of the Pledge
of Allegiance***

Washington, D.C. --

"I profoundly disagree with the decision made today by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The Pledge of Allegiance is an affirmation of everything that makes this country great. During this time of war, we should be doing everything in our power to encourage more people to affirm the values of the pledge of allegiance," said Congressman Carson. "It is my hope that the United States Supreme Court will soon take this case and restore the Pledge of Allegiance to its rightful place at the start of each school day. I will fight throughout the halls of Congress to make sure that the pledge of allegiance is allowed in every school in the country."

"This decision demonstrates precisely how out of touch the court's decision is with the values of most Americans. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals today took out voluntary participation by students in schoolhouses throughout this country and deeply misunderstood the ideas and principles on which the United States was founded. Oklahomans should know that this decision does not apply to them, but only to those states on the West coast that are within the ninth circuit. Students in Oklahoma remain free to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and first thing tomorrow morning I will be on the front rows of the House of Representatives, with my hand over my heart taking this pledge to the United States of America."

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